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Shamir, in Rumania, gives nod to Soviets

Jerusalem Post Staff
Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir yesterday rejected Rumania's advocacy of an international peace conference on the Middle East on the grounds that the Soviet Union has no diplomatic ties with Israel.

Shamir's remark, during a first working session with his host in Bucharest, Rumanian Foreign Minister Stefan Andrej, may have been intended as a hinted encouragement to the Rumanians to try and interest the Kremlin in restoring ties with Israel.

Agreement reached on reopening Beirut airport

BEIRUT. — An agreement was reached yesterday to reopen Beirut Airport, closed for six days by Druse shelling from the nearby central mountains, as diplomatic efforts to resolve the crisis in Lebanon intensified.

Although Druse leader Walid Jumblatt said his troops, based in mountains overlooking Beirut Airport, will not allow it to reopen unless President Jemayel resigns, last night an agreement in principle to reopen the airport today was reached with Jemayel's government.

A statement issued in Damascus last night by Jumblatt's Progressive Socialist Party assured that Druse militiamen would not shell the airport.

"We appeal to the airport staff to resume work and we guarantee their safety and that of the airport," the statement said.

Bomb explodes as IDF convoy passes

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TYRE. — A bomb exploded at noon yesterday on the Lebanese coastal road as an Israeli Defence Forces convoy was passing, but no one was injured and there was no damage to the convoy.

The five-kilo bomb was apparently placed by terrorists at the side of the road about four kilometres south of the Zaharani River. Troops searched the area but did not find the perpetrators.

Mubarak urges co-existence between Israel and Arabs

Post Middle East Reporter and agencies
Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak yesterday renewed his plea for "co-existence" between Israel and the Arabs and called for an Arab summit to lay the ground for this.

Speaking at the opening of a four-day conference of Egyptian expatriates in Cairo, Mubarak said Egypt's national security "will not be complete until peace has been established throughout the Middle East and the current vicious circle of violence, destruction and bloodshed has been halted."

Despite the 1979 Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty, Mubarak said the Egyptian people "cannot possibly have peace of mind until the Israeli occupation has receded from every inch of Arab land and until the Palestinian people have regained their legitimate national rights, foremost among them the right to self-determination."

He was also highly critical of Arab disunity and impotence in the face of Israel's actions, calling for Arab unity and an end to the strife within the PLO.

France sends more troops to support Chad regime

N'DJAMENA (Reuters). — France yesterday sent more military advisers to support Chad government troops building defence lines against Libyan-backed rebels, who reinforced their hold on the

northern half of Chad. A French military spokesman here confirmed press reports from Paris that more French troops were being dispatched to train government forces in the use of modern weaponry.

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Finance Minister Yoram Aridor leaves yesterday's cabinet meeting. (Yossi Zamir, Scoop 80)

6.3% increase in index, inflation rate slows

By AVI TEMKIN
Post Economic Reporter
The consumer price index rose 6.3 per cent in July as prices for fresh produce tumbled for the second month in a row, the Central Bureau of Statistics announced yesterday.

Consumer prices have risen 59.9 per cent, since the end of December, which translates into an annual inflation rate of 123 per cent. During the first seven months of 1982 inflation had been 63.7 per cent, or an annual rate of 133 per cent.

The Treasury was encouraged by the news of the decline in the inflation rate. "During the last three months the CPI has risen by a monthly average of 5 per cent, as compared to 6.75 per cent for the similar period in 1982," the ministry's spokesman said.

While economic observers in Jerusalem agreed that July's CPI could mark the beginning of a downward trend in the pace of price increases, they warned that the recent devaluation of the shekel might drive up prices sharply in the months ahead.

Defence Ministry unhappy over IS8.5b. slash in funds

By HIRSH GOODMAN
Post Defence Correspondent
The compromise on the defence budget reached yesterday, whereby IS8.5 billion are to be cut from this year's operating funds, was received unhappily by the defence establishment last night.

"They are selling Israel's security to purchase videos and colour televisions for the nation," a senior source in the Defence Ministry told *The Jerusalem Post* last night.

According to Nahman Shai, Defence Minister Moshe Arens' press adviser, the mood in the ministry is "black." He said the cut "would have a profound effect on Israel's defence capability and the public should be aware of the fact."

Arens has given the general staff six weeks to come up with detailed proposals on how to cut the budget by the immediate 5 per cent authorized by the cabinet last night. He will then submit these to the cabinet for final approval.

Stock market falters after 2 days of gains

By JOSEPH MORGENTHAU
Post Finance Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Yesterday's trading session on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange was billed, in advance, as a critical test of the willingness of the general public to assume a meaningful participation in share investments.

By just over one per cent. Considering that the index had risen by a total of more than 11 per cent, over the preceding two sessions, yesterday's fall was not hard to take.

The low level of devaluation of the shekel, yesterday, in the order of 0.1 per cent, impressed observers.

The question, which still remains very much unanswered, is whether the public will get off the fence and put some of its spare cash into stocks. Without such a development there is little room for an extended market rally.

Levy gets Arens, Aridor to compromise on cuts

By AVI TEMKIN
Post Economic Reporter
The cabinet yesterday approved a IS16 billion cut in defence budgets worked out in hard bargaining between Defence Minister Moshe Arens and Finance Minister Yoram Aridor with the help of Deputy Prime Minister and Housing Minister David Levy.

Treasury officials were pleased with the agreement but defence ministry staff were not (see col. 3). Treasury people said that the compromise paves the way for the IS35b. cuts which the ministry is proposing for the civilian sector. The cabinet is to meet again today to debate cuts.

The officials added that the next ministry to be dealt with is Health Education next in line. Both Education Minister Zevulun Hammer and Health Minister Eliezer Shostak have expressed their opposition to the Treasury proposals, but the Treasury is confident that after overcoming the opposition of the Defence Ministry its position will be much stronger.

The cabinet gave its approval to the proposed cuts in the defence budget at an evening session which followed hours of talks between Aridor and Arens.

It was learned that the main obstacle in the defence establishment to the proposed cuts was Arens himself, while the ministry's director general, Menahem Meron, was prepared in principle to reach a compromise.

The sharp disagreement between Arens and Aridor made necessary the mediation of David Levy who, according to observers, emerged from the debate stronger than ever in the succession struggle in Herut.

The IS8.5b. cut represents about 10 per cent of the local operations (as opposed to foreign purchases) of the defence establishment.

Yesterday's first cabinet meeting was described as "stormy" and the ministers were surprised when Prime Minister Menachem Begin sharply criticized Aridor. "Nobody spoke with me about a IS20b. cut, and I will not agree to such a cut," said Begin.

Aridor returns to the battlefield today

By DAVID LANDAU
Post Diplomatic Correspondent
Finance Minister Yoram Aridor emerged from yesterday's arduous and bitter cabinet debates fairly successful, in the view of political observers. But he is not home and dry yet: today's cabinet discussion on the non-defence-related aspects of his austerity programme promise further clashes and recriminations between the minister and some of his cabinet colleagues.

"But defence was the key," the cabinet source contended. Having held out for, and obtained, unprecedentedly deep defence cuts, the finance minister was now well placed to demand the cooperation of the lesser-spending ministries in his general pruning programme.

Had he failed over defence, the source said, he would have had no chance whatever of breaking through in the other areas.

Some observers believe, however, that Aridor's relative success over defence could cut both ways when he comes up against the objections of the social services ministries. These can now argue that a major saving has been attained — and there is less need therefore to slash at other areas of public expenditure.

Lurking beneath this argument will be the electoral consideration. Some of the Finance Ministry's proposals, if endorsed by the cabinet, would mean a real reduction in living standards for wide groups of the population and with elections not far over the horizon the ministers are acutely aware of this dimension.

When Aridor does battle today, he will be fighting without one weapon that was in his armoury yesterday and that he put to good use: the threat to resign. He cannot again threaten and then draw back; that is an exercise that can work only once.

Some observers believe the resignation threat worked yesterday not because the ministers particularly support Aridor or approve of his policies, but rather because none of them is keen to take over the Treasury, given the unavoidable need for unpopular measures in the immediate future.

—One minister who earned added political prestige from yesterday's drama was Deputy Premier David Levy, the middle-man between Aridor and Defence Minister Moshe Arens.

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Haifa Port	62	25-29	29
Tiberias	36	20-36	36
Nazareth	45	19-30	30
Afula	45	20-31	31
Shomron	38	20-30	29
Tel Aviv	58	22-30	30
B-G Airport	62	21-31	31
Jericho	29	20-38	37
Gaza	48	22-30	29
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DEPARTURES

Transport Minister Haim Corfu for the U.S.

'Largest' rally planned at City of David

By MICHAEL EILAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

What is planned as the largest demonstration of the year against the excavations at the City of David is scheduled for tomorrow afternoon near the dig outside the walls of Jerusalem's Old City.

An informed source said that black candles will be lit and those who took part in the excavations will be cursed.

Unlike previous demonstrations against the dig, the *eda haredit* has asked police for a permit for tomorrow's rally. Several leading rabbis from ultra-Orthodox communities abroad are among the 11 scheduled speakers at the rally. In addition to this militant *haredim*, supporters of Agudat Yisrael are expected to attend the demonstration.

'Very large' bomb found in Jerusalem

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Police sappers yesterday afternoon dismantled a "very large" bomb which had been concealed in a flowerpot in Jerusalem's busy Ramat Eshkol shopping centre.

Police, alerted by a telephone call, arrived and closed off the area.

The bomb was made harmless by a police sapper using the robot demolition device.

Several suspects were arrested.

Demonstrators back Lebanon operation

Likud and Tehiya members yesterday held a demonstration in Jerusalem opposite the prime minister's house to show support for the war in Lebanon.

The demonstrators chanted slogans including slain Palestinian leader Issam Sartawi's words: "Another victory like this and we'll be in the Fiji Islands."

Reservist to jail over Lebanon duty

Jerusalem Post Reporter

An Armoured Corps reserve officer, Segen (Lt.) Uri Ram, 33, of Tel Aviv, has been court-martialled and sentenced to 28 days in military jail for refusing an order to serve in Lebanon for 14 days, a Yesh Gvul (There's a Limit) spokesman said last night.

The spokesman said that reservists who have been jailed this year for refusing to serve in Lebanon will demonstrate on Saturday afternoon in front of Prime Minister Menachem Begin's home in Jerusalem.

Welcome Back to Israel
Simcha Rudolph Charchat of Jerusalem and New York City, one of the grandes dames of Jewish philanthropies. Her family played an active role for over sixty years in Jewish philanthropies on four continents (Europe, United States, Africa and Asia - Israel). Her late brother was Menachem Rudolph of Jerusalem, attorney and world famous coin collector (part of his collection is in the Israel Museum). Simcha is a gracious hostess in Jerusalem and in her apartment overlooking Central Park, N.Y.C. for worthy Jewish causes, especially Boys Town of Jerusalem and the Jewish Museum of New York. From the Capt. Yehiel and Ruth Givovsky Langer Hospitality Foundation, 1, Mepe St., Jerusalem.

HOME NEWS

Lebanese Army 'pitiful' in its first test, U.S. officials say

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — U.S. officials expressed concern yesterday over the weakness of the Lebanese Army as shown in the first serious test it has faced since 1975.

Pentagon and State Department officials said the performance of the Lebanese Army in clashes with Druse in the last few days in the mountains south of Beirut was "pitiful."

"It raises doubts as to the ability of the Lebanese Army to seize the Shouf Mountains after Israel's withdrawal," they said.

As indications of the army's weakness, the officials cited the capture by the Druse militias of

one-third of its positions, the capture of 50 of its soldiers, and the seizing of 10 armoured personnel carriers, communication equipment and a large supply of small arms.

The officials believe that these losses point to poor morale and an unwillingness of the government soldiers to fight against their fellow Lebanese.

The officials said reports received in Washington from U.S. officers training the Lebanese Army are encouraging with regard to its ability and prospects. But the results of the army's first test certainly do not bear out this optimistic evaluation, they said.

Col. Simon Assis, the Lebanese intelligence chief who briefed American correspondents on the events of the last few days, asked that the efficiency of the Lebanese Army not be judged on the basis of its performance in the past week.

The U.S. officials also said that there is no doubt that without the solid backing of the Multi-National Force, the Lebanese army will be unable to gain control of the positions the Israel Defence Forces is to evacuate.

But the indications of the army's weakness is liable to raise second thoughts about increasing the size of the force, a step now under discussion by Lebanon, the U.S., France and Italy.

Teachers warn against budget cuts

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Leaders of the Histadrut Teachers Union yesterday warned officials of the Ministry of Education that they will take strong action if the education budget is cut. Union secretary-general Amnon Abramson said the teachers will not accept cuts which would hurt disadvantaged pupils or threaten teachers' jobs.

Abramson and his colleagues are not yet ready to say what action the teachers have in mind. They will meet with Education Minister Ze'evulun Hammer when he returns from abroad, and will make their decisions only after the government has decided to cut the education

budget, and only after the ministry's own position on the cuts is clarified.

If the crisis reaches the action stage, the result is likely to be work stoppages that could disrupt the coming school year.

Meanwhile, an Education Ministry spokesman criticized proposals to annul the free high school education law, saying that it would not send an additional message to the treasury.

The spokesman said the provision had opened the path to education for many young people and had kept many students in school. He said the costs to society in ending free high school education would be greater than any savings involved in ending it.



French paratroopers and marines yesterday continue to arrive in Chad to act as "training troops" for the Chadian army. Their deployment is seen as a warning to Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi, whose forces are aiding Chadian rebels. (UPI telephoto)

ARENS, ARIDOR

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resign if the defence budget were not cut drastically.

Only the considerable efforts of Begin and Justice Minister Moshe Nissim finally persuaded Aridor to hold the meeting with Arens and withdraw his resignation.

Asher Wallfish adds:
The Treasury originally talked in terms of a 15.2% cut in defence, because this was the sum required to cover the IDF's stay in Lebanon during the current fiscal year (ending March 31, 1984), which costs about \$1m. a day.

Now, with defence waiving a mere 15.5%, this year, the Treasury still has a problem in covering the cost of the IDF's stay in Lebanon, which is too big to solve by cuts in other ministries, and which will have to be met by taxes or deficit

financing (i.e. printing money). Whatever cuts are approved at this morning's cabinet meeting will free funds to help pay for the defence, the teachers, the more costly subsidies on basic commodities, and the higher debt repayments — the last two items being sharply affected by the devaluation and the rise in the cost-of-living index.

The current annual budget will thus turn out to be larger than that approved in March 1983. The cuts will amount to a transfer from certain expenditure heads to others, in amounts which are inadequate to meet the unanticipated needs.

Assuming that the IDF is still in Lebanon in April 1984, the task of covering its \$1m. a day stay there, in view of a defence budget cut of only 15.2%, will make balancing the 1984/85 budget harder than balancing the current one.

Judge frees Herzliya men accused in beating

Two Herzliya men, Israel Yafet, 23, and Amnon Salem, 25, accused of beating an Arab man with an iron bar, were each freed on \$10,000 bail yesterday by a Tel Aviv magistrate.

Police said the complainant told them Yafet's brother, Gabi, and Salem took him to a field in Herzliya where the three beat him.

A police officer testified that Israel Yafet told them the complainant had made approaches to his sister, and that his brother was not involved. Gabi Yafet has since disappeared, police said.

Yafet and Salem were ordered to have no contact with the complainant.

Late grape harvest is short on manpower

A record harvest of wine grapes is expected this year in the Zichron Ya'acov, Bat Shlomo, Binyamina, Givat Ada and Kfar Glickson area. However, Avraham Becher, director of the employment office in Hadera, says there will be difficulties in recruiting enough manpower to get the harvest in.

The main reason for the difficulties is the late start of this year's harvest. In past years the harvest

began in the beginning of August, enabling vacationing pupils to take part in the work.

This year the grapes were slow in maturing and the harvest was postponed to the last week in August. As a result many pupils will not be able to work.

Becher said that unemployed workers who refuse offers to work on the harvest will lose their entitlement to unemployment benefits.

Loot found in caves

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TAIBA. — A cache of stolen electronic goods including colour TVs, stereo speakers, and tape recorders was discovered by police in hillside caves east of here. Police have arrested a suspect.

A Netanyahu shopkeeper identified the property as having been stolen from him on Friday night.

Soviets agree to play in Chicago chess tourney

PASADENA, California (AP). — The Soviet Union, which barred a top player from participating in a world championship match in Pasadena earlier this month, has agreed to participate in an upcoming Chicago tournament.

Tim Redman, president of the U.S. Chess Federation, announced on Sunday that the USSR Chess Federation has informed him it intends to compete at the World Youth Team Championship at the University of Chicago August 21 to September 4.

The Soviet Union lost the semi-finals match by default when Gary Kasparov failed to appear for his match with Soviet defector Viktor Korchnoi two weeks ago. The Soviets also lost another semi-finals match by refusing to send Vasily Smyslov to a tournament in Abu Dhabi.

The Soviets cited inadequate security in Pasadena and excessive heat on the Persian Gulf.

Assad foiled 'McFarlane plot' says Syrian minister

DAMASCUS (AP). — Syrian Culture Minister Najah Attar yesterday said President Hafez Assad's Soviet-backed government has "aborted a plot" by U.S. presidential envoy Robert McFarlane aimed at "talking Syria into accepting partial withdrawals or a mere disengagement of forces in Lebanon."

Attar launched her new attack against the McFarlane mission in an article published by the Syrian government newspaper *Tahrir*.

"Had Syria accepted partial withdrawal or separation of forces with Israel on Lebanon, America's objectives would have been realized," she wrote. "These (objectives) are: conservation of Israel's occupation of Southern Lebanon, freezing the status quo in Lebanon until the end of the U.S. presidential elections and the deployment of the Lebanese Army, backed by the U.S. Marines, in the Shouf Mountains."

Attar held McFarlane responsible for the recent escalation of violence in Lebanon and repeated Syrian government claims that the

American peace envoy was setting the stage for a new Israeli war against Syria.

"The only new development," Attar went on, "is that this war has been postponed for a short while."

Reliable sources reported in Damascus that a visit to the Syrian capital scheduled for yesterday by McFarlane's assistant, Richard Fairbanks, was delayed until tomorrow because Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul-Halim Khaddam suffered a severe cold and was in bed. Fairbanks remained in Beirut with McFarlane.

Meanwhile, McFarlane told reporters in Beirut last night that his task of getting foreign troops out of Lebanon was difficult, "but we will stay the course."

McFarlane was speaking after meeting top Lebanese officials to assess his two-week tour of the region.

"This is not an easy task," he said. "We cannot complete it in a day or a week but we will stay the course, because it is the right thing to do." (AP, Reuters)

PLO mediation team arrives in Damascus

DAMASCUS (Reuters). — A commission formed by Palestinian leaders in Tunis to resolve differences within the Palestine Liberation Organization and between the PLO and Syria arrived in Damascus yesterday.

The 10-man team was formed recently by the central committee of the PLO.

Its formation followed a revolt within Fatah, the mainstream terrorist movement headed by PLO leader Yasser Arafat, who was expelled from Syria in June after accusing Damascus of siding with rebels.

The commission was due to meet the speaker of the Palestine National Council, Khaled Fahoum, to draw up plans for its stay in Damascus during which it is expected to meet Syrian officials and leaders of the Fatah revolt.

More than a third of the increase in the CPI in July was the result of an 11.4 per cent rise in the prices of housing services, which have risen by 71.3 per cent in the first seven months of the year.

Other items which registered relatively large hikes were education and culture, 7.3 per cent (54.7 per cent); transportation and postal services, 7.4 per cent (53 per cent); miscellaneous, 7.5 per cent (71.9 per cent since December).

Peres: Galilee security via 'deal with Haddad'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Labour Party Chairman Shimon Peres said yesterday that an early pullback from Lebanon, regardless of whether Syria pulls its troops out, requires security guarantees for the Galilee attained through "Lebanese arrangements" — clearly a reference to militia leader Major Sa'ad Haddad — and not by "Israeli involvement."

Only if the danger became serious should the IDF be sent in, but then only for a quick operation in Lebanon, after which it should withdraw again, he said.

Addressing some 500 members of the Israel Bonds delegation here, Peres took issue with the government's insistence on a Syrian pullback. "Instead of begging the Syrians to withdraw from Lebanon — which they would not do — I would prefer that we tell the Syrians: stay where you are, don't move, because if you move you may augment the military escalation," he said.

Peres said he did not believe the Syrians are so strong or self-assured as to ignore such a message if delivered by the U.S. and Israel.

Bar-Lev: Budget cut reduces IDF strength

Jerusalem Post Reporter

MK Haim Bar-Lev, a former chief of staff and now Labour Party secretary, yesterday accused the government of reducing the army's strength through cuts in the defence budget, while at the same time wasting billions of shekels on other projects.

Bar-Lev said in a radio interview that an 15.5 billion cut this year, and about double that figure next year, is not just "cutting away fat," but also muscle. He said that before such steps are taken, cuts must be made in less important spheres.

He accused the government of wasting billions in investments in the West Bank, including the construction of villas five kilometres from Kfar Sava. The stay in Lebanon alone costs the country close to 1560m. a day, he noted.

Local orders will be affected by (two factors): a decision to slow down the rebuilding of stockpiles depleted by the war in Lebanon, and greater utilization of the financial aid that Israel gets from the U.S., which U.S. law specifies has to be spent in the U.S. for defence-related materials. Until now much was purchased locally from Israeli manufacturers.

"The Treasury has made it almost impossible for us to continue to buy

Washington 'welcomes' Liberia's Israel ties

WASHINGTON (JTA). — The U.S. yesterday welcomed Liberia's decision to resume diplomatic relations with Israel, while stressing that the decision by the African country was made on its own.

"The U.S. welcomes the government of Liberia's independent decision to resume relations with Israel," State Department deputy spokesman Alan Romberg said.

"It has made this important move on its own initiative. We continue to encourage other countries to extend full diplomatic recognition to Israel," he added.

Andropov did not give specific examples, but in previous public speeches he has said that changes in the gigantic, centrally planned economy must be instituted, including granting more autonomy to factory and farm managers in determining what they will produce and how, and introducing greater incentives for innovations and better efficiency.

Arsonists burn second U.S. synagogue

WEST HARTFORD, Connecticut. — A Torah scroll was destroyed and another was damaged in two separate arson incidents at the Conservative Emanuel Synagogue early yesterday. The building was also damaged. It was the town's second synagogue attack in four days.

Last Thursday, the Young Israel Synagogue was heavily damaged by arsonists.

A spokesman said a member of the Young Israel congregation had received an oral threat of more synagogue fires, but said police had asked that no details be released.

Governor William O'Neill called the latest fire "another senseless act of desecration," and said he would authorize the posting of a reward when requested by prosecutors.

BEIRUT

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Correspondents saw flares light up the sky and red tracers arc through the air as Christian Phalangist gunners east of Beirut opened up on targets in the hills.

Some shells were reported to have landed close to the residence of U.S. Ambassador Robert Dillon in the hills near the suburb of Yarz.

Clashes between the militias spread into the hotly-disputed Shouf Mountains and security officials reported violent exchanges in the Aley region and other rival strongholds to the south.

In Lebanon's Bekaa, more clashes, involving heavy weapons were reported between PLO supporters and opponents of Yasser Arafat. (Reuters, AP)



Amette Barrios, 23, a medical assistant from Santa Paula, California, poses with her winning jackpot of \$1,065,358 at Caesars Palace casino in Las Vegas on Sunday. She won on two pulls of the handle. In front of her is the money, presented by Caesars Palace president Harry Wald. (UPI telephoto)

6.3% INCREASE

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the prices of fruits and vegetables have increased by 42.3 per cent.

The prices of clothes and footwear registered a low increase in July, 1.6 per cent. Since December these items have increased by 38 per cent, as compared to a 59.9 per cent rise in the general CPI.

The prices of house maintenance goods and services climbed 4 per cent in July (66.1 per cent since the beginning of the year), while those of food products increased by 5.7 per cent (\$8.3 per cent since December). Health services prices rose by 5.3 per cent (73.5 per cent since December).

More than a third of the increase in the CPI in July was the result of an 11.4 per cent rise in the prices of housing services, which have risen by 71.3 per cent in the first seven months of the year.

Other items which registered relatively large hikes were education and culture, 7.3 per cent (54.7 per cent); transportation and postal services, 7.4 per cent (53 per cent); miscellaneous, 7.5 per cent (71.9 per cent since December).

DEFENCE MINISTRY

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yesterday's decision to slash the budget, Israel would go ahead and purchase from the U.S. the 75-F-16 fighters it has an option on. The option for the \$3 billion deal is due to lapse August 21. The purchase will be made, *The Post* was told, even though about half of the total outlay will come from the defence budget directly — because "there is no alternative."

The Lavi project may be slowed down but will not be cancelled, according to a defence source. Here also too many commitments have been made to renege on now, it was said.

What will be affected immediately are orders from the defence establishment to private industry in Israel, as well as orders from the defence industries.

Local orders will be affected by (two factors): a decision to slow down the rebuilding of stockpiles depleted by the war in Lebanon, and greater utilization of the financial aid that Israel gets from the U.S., which U.S. law specifies has to be spent in the U.S. for defence-related materials. Until now much was purchased locally from Israeli manufacturers.

"The Treasury has made it almost impossible for us to continue to buy

Andropov: must make economy changes

MOSCOW (AP). — Communist Party leader Yuri Andropov told a gathering of party veterans yesterday that "half measures" of the past have cost the Soviet Union precious time in reshaping its economy.

In a speech laced with blunt criticism of his predecessors, the 69-year-old Soviet leader praised the party veterans and assured them that they are not being shunted aside by a newer generation. But he said newer generations sometimes score bigger successes than preceding ones, and that old-timers should not be resentful.

He also told the old party members that the new leadership is not recklessly plunging into new experiments, but rather would proceed with caution. But there must be changes, he said.

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Almost clean bill of health for Kaplan Treatment urged for Poriya Hospital

By MARGERY GREENFELD
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Kaplan Hospital in Rehovot was given a virtual clean bill of health, although "more efforts must be made to improve its management," the Poriya Hospital near Tiberias, which has been plagued for years by severe problems with its personnel and physical plant, still has a long way to go.

These were the findings of reports on the two hospitals issued by the State Comptroller's Office yesterday.

The study of Poriya, conducted between June and August of 1982, showed that the government hospital has suffered from an exceptionally rapid turnover of directors. From 1975 to 1982, nine doctors occupied that post.

This, together with the years of uncertainty about the hospital's future, also led to difficulties in recruiting and maintaining a high-quality senior medical staff, the report says.

Moreover, physical conditions at Poriya are difficult. In July 1982, several major departments and administrative units were still housed in the hospital's original wooden structures, dating from the 1950s. During the winter of 1982, just after the survey was finished, the ceilings of the huts housing the pediatric and internal medicine wards collapsed due to heavy rains. Although no patient was injured, the report notes that "only a miracle prevented a catastrophe."

These two wards have since been moved to the building formerly occupied by the nursing school, which was shut in 1982.

While the number of beds at Poriya was trimmed from 200 in 1980 to 173 in 1982 (mainly by closing the ophthalmology and urology departments), the hospital's occupancy rate has remained below 80 per cent for several years. This raised the cost of a day's hospitalization at Poriya to the

highest in the country, the report says.

The hospital and the Health Ministry must try to bring up the occupancy rate by "raising the hospital's medical standards and reputation" so that area residents will choose Poriya, rather than distant hospitals in the North, the survey states.

Other recommendations included improving the services of the X-ray units; correcting the deficiencies in the hospital's safety procedures and its arrangements for a state of emergency; and raising standards in the emergency room and admissions office.

The report criticizes the Health Ministry for not taking steps to improve the hospital's physical plant "years ago." The ministry must act "urgently to create the minimal conditions necessary for the extension of proper medical care," the report says.

The report on Kaplan Hospital, for which information was gathered during 1981 and updated in 1982, notes that area residents are generally "satisfied" with its services, based on the low number of complaints made over the years to the national ombudsman's office.

But the survey, nevertheless, points to several areas in which the Kupat Holim Clalit hospital could improve on its service and efficiency. One of the major failings was "the very long waiting period" for elective surgery, with some patients having to wait up to two years.

The records system was lax, and insufficient attention was paid to properly filling out admissions and emergency room forms. There were "many cases" in which the hospital failed to obtain the patient's signature on consent forms for surgery and the X-ray unit was "deficient" in its records and reports.

Kaplan Hospital must also take steps to improve its safety and security arrangements, the report says.



This young woman yesterday stands in part of a Byzantine building complex in front of an elaborate rock-hewn structure recently unearthed by Hebrew University archeologists at Jerusalem's City of David. (Silvia Owen)

Druse religious leaders lift their ban on identity cards

Jerusalem Post Reporter

KIRYAT SHMONA. — The religious ban placed by Druse religious leaders in the Golan Heights on Druse who accepted Israeli identity cards was lifted this week at the request of Druse notables from Israel and Lebanon.

The ban was in force for two years. It prohibited Druse who had received Israeli identity cards from entering houses of worship and denied them religious services such as marriage and burial.

Recently, Druse religious personalities from Lebanon who came to Israel for a ceremony at Nebi

Shueib were persuaded that Israel does not interfere with Druse religious autonomy.

A delegation from Lebanon, accompanied by Sheikh Amin Tarif, the spiritual leader of the Druse in Israel, then met with Druse notables in the Golan, who agreed to lift the ban.

The head of the Druse Zionist Circle in the Golan, Salman Abu-Saleh, speaking on behalf of the Druse who accepted the Israeli identity cards, expressed gratitude for the lifting of the ban, which equalized the status of identity card-recipients with that of all other Druse.

Levinson plans to quit Ampal

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Ya'acov Levinson, chairman of Ampal, a member of the Bank Hapoalim group, has announced that he plans to resign from his present post.

Commenting officially on this news, Bank Hapoalim spokesman Amnon Herzog said "Levinson announced his intention to resign from his activities in the Hapoalim group a considerable time ago, but no date has yet been fixed for his resignation to take effect, nor has he decided on his future activities." Herzog refused to elaborate on this statement.

Levinson took up his present position two years ago, after serving as head of Bank Hapoalim for twelve years. When he assumed the post, he announced he would concentrate all his efforts on strengthening the role of Ampal, an investment company which mobilized money abroad for investment in Israel. In this role, Levinson spent about half of his time abroad, generally in New York. (He is at present in New York, and was unavailable for comment yesterday.)



Ya'acov Levinson. (Aliza Auerbach)

He is not expected in Israel before the end of the month.

It is understood that Levinson will not leave the Bank Hapoalim group before early next year.

When he was appointed head of Bank Hapoalim, it was the third largest bank in the country. It is now running neck and neck with Bank Leumi for the title of largest banking network in the country.

French Jewry holds Solidarity Day here

French Jewry, represented by 700 immigrants and 500 young people spending the summer here, will hold an Israel Solidarity Day today in Jerusalem with help from the Jewish Agency.

The day will begin with lectures at the Hebrew University's Mt. Scopus campus, followed by a march from Jaffa Gate to the Western Wall and a closing ceremony in the Mt. Scopus amphitheatre.

BAR MITZVA. — Sixty children from large, poor families, who would not otherwise have the opportunity to celebrate their bar mitzva, yesterday were treated to lunch by the Gan Oranim restaurant in Tel Aviv. The event was arranged by Zehavi, the Movement for the Rights of Large Families.

PRICE CHECKS. — The Ministry of Industry and Trade in July conducted 3,500 checks of price displays in shops and of the accuracy of weights and measures.

2nd Temple fertility figures found

By HAIM SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Just in case anyone thinks that religious conflicts are typical only of modern Jerusalem, archeologist Yigal Shilo, whose run-in with ultra-Orthodox groups has attracted worldwide attention, this year found a number of small female forms with large breasts, fertility figures, in homes dating from the First Temple period.

"You may ask how it is possible?" Shilo told a news conference yesterday at the site of his City of David excavation, marking the end of the sixth season of digging. "Of course, the prophets cried out against such things again and again."

On the present conflict, Shilo reassured that once he received his licence to dig the question was, for him, finished. But he added that despite all the claims that he was digging in an ancient cemetery, he had found no bones.

As for the proposed archeology bill, he said the people of Israel must decide whether they want the city of David and Solomon or pilgrims coming to visit cemeteries.

In addition to the figurines, Shilo, his staff, and some 450 volunteers uncovered entire residences from the Israelite period. They also found a carved stone decorative piece similar to one found at the Israelite fortress of Ramat Rahel, on the out-

skirts of Jerusalem, and small bits of carbonized carved wood, which testify to trade between Judea and Phoenicia during the Israelite period.

The wood, Shilo explained, had been identified as boxwood, which only grows in what is now northern Syria and southern Turkey. Other artifacts included a Hebrew seal bearing the names Elyakim and Micah, from the time of the divided monarchy.

Just as important, as far as the archeologists are concerned, was the uncovering of a Canaanite citadel underneath, which formed the basis for that of David and Solomon. The excavations, which consist of some 25 layers, now go back to the third millennium BCE, the period which marks the beginning of the city's urban development.

With the completion of this season's work, the construction of a planned archeological garden is beginning, although Shilo noted that he could not say that all excavations had definitely been completed.

"If we find anything we feel we must investigate, we will do so, even in Area G," he said, referring to the section in which the ultra-Orthodox assert a medieval Jewish cemetery was located.

It was this conflict that no doubt attracted virtually the entire foreign

press corps. To the press conference, the City of David dig is also to be the subject of a full-length documentary feature film produced by a Canadian film maker, Allen Rogers.

Regarding Area G, Shilo denied that he had promised to build a stone wall demarcating the limits of his permit. The present wooden barrier, he said, had been put up because the ultra-Orthodox "were afraid we would dig at night." When the garden is built, it will include a supporting wall where the wooden barrier now stands, he said.

Elsewhere on the ridge leading southward from the Temple Mount, workers will today start filling up excavations on privately-owned land rented for the season from the Arab residents of the area. Uncovered were a bath from the Byzantine period, with foundations in the bedrock from an earlier time.

Shilo was unwilling to surmise the purpose the foundations may have originally served, but he did note that earlier excavators found an inscription from what was apparently a Second Temple period synagogue nearby.

With plans to dig next year at another such rented pit, Shilo apparently still hopes to discover what would be a major find, a synagogue that existed in Jerusalem while the Temple was still functioning.

Energy Ministry clarifies Moda'i claim about engine

By CHARLES HOFFMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The revolutionary internal combustion engine announced Sunday by Energy Minister Yitzhak Moda'i is actually an innovative transmission system that saves 40 per cent in fuel consumption and is being used now only in heavy vehicles, a ministry statement says.

The statement released yesterday to clarify details about the project said the principle underlying the transmission system was developed five years ago in Jerusalem in a project to develop an electric car. The Industrial Development Corporation of Haifa has been applying the principle to transmission systems of heavy vehicles in the last few years.

The rights to the Israeli patent on the device have been acquired by a

"large American firm," the ministry statement said. Half of the \$5.4 million cost of the development is being provided jointly by the Energy Ministry and the Ministry of Industry and Trade.

The innovative aspect of the system is a flywheel that "stores energy" produced by the engine while the vehicle is in motion. The energy stored is later released when the vehicle accelerates, thus helping the engine to maintain a stable level of fuel combustion. Internal combustion engines attain top efficiency when they operate at a stable level.

Tests done in Israel with the new transmission system showed a 40 per cent saving on fuel. The ministry says commercial production of the system will begin in about three years, initially for heavy vehicles only.

Tel Aviv boost for late night shopping

TEL AVIV. — The municipality has cancelled the fees charged to shopkeepers who want to stay open after 7 p.m., in order to encourage retail stores to keep later hours.

According to city by-laws, the shops that wish to stay open past 7 p.m. must apply to the municipality for permission. But the only condition for doing so will be that they do not disturb local residents, the municipal spokesman said.

Some 300 businesses currently stay open after 7 p.m. and the municipality hopes more will decide to do so, now that the fee has been eliminated.

Retail business in Tel Aviv has been in decline in recent years because of the population shift to the suburbs and many shops have closed or moved out of town. The city hopes longer business hours may tempt more consumers to do their shopping in Tel Aviv.

STIPENDS. — The stipend programme run by the government and the Jewish Agency will award more than 55,000 scholarships to needy pupils in the coming school year, totalling \$125 million. For the first time the programmes will also award scholarship funds to elementary school pupils in the Arab and Druse sectors.

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South Africa won't deny Angola report of bombing

PRETORIA (AP). — South Africa yesterday refused to deny an Angolan claim that its planes bombed an Angolan town during the weekend, but suggested that its jets were on reconnaissance missions.

The official Angolan News Agency, Angop, in a dispatch monitored in Lisbon, said eight South African jets flew repeated sorties Sunday against government troops in the southeastern town of Cangamba, which was reported under attack by South African backed rebels. Cangamba is 460 kilometres north of the Angolan border. The South African Defence Ministry on Sunday called the report "obvious and false propaganda."

The Pretoria statement, issued yesterday by Defence Chief Gen. Constand Viljoen said in part: "It is common knowledge that from time to time South Africa is forced to undertake actions like reconnaissance flights in the south of Angola."

present reconnaissance flights were in response to an alleged buildup of Cuban and Angolan forces.

The Marxist government in Luanda hosts an estimated 25,000 Cuban troops and supports the guerrilla actions of the South West Africa Peoples' Organization against South African administration of South West Africa, also called Namibia.

There has been no independent confirmation that Angolan or Cuban units are being reinforced.

In Lisbon rebels opposed to the Angolan government said yesterday that they had recaptured Cangamba, one of the southern towns which the government claimed came under heavy bombing from South African jets during the weekend.

The rebel claim came in response to a statement issued during the weekend by Angop that government troops had broken a siege at Cangamba and killed 1,100 rebels.

Reagan is warned in Mexico

LA PAZ, Mexico (AP). — President Miguel de la Madrid Monday night admonished U.S. President Ronald Reagan to let the countries of Central America "chart their own course" and called for an end to confrontational politics in the region.

"The increasing deterioration of living standards and the repeated frustration of aspirations for peace and justice in the developing world and in our region increase the risks of confrontation and self-destruction," the Mexican leader told Reagan in a pointed rejection of U.S. policy.

"Let us use our talent and political will to halt the growth of those risks," de la Madrid said.

The two-hour private meeting between the two presidents was punctuated by calls for cooperation and friendship. "We will consider it

a beautiful day in the history of that region when all foreign elements, including our own, may be safely withdrawn," Reagan said.

Reagan sought to emphasize what he called "substantial areas of potential cooperation" for bringing peace to Central America. He said the principle of self-determination is important to the U.S., and that any solution in Central America must include ending "support for subversive elements seeking to destabilize other countries."

In New Orleans, Louisiana, a White House spokesman yesterday said that news accounts have inaccurately depicted Reagan as failing to reach agreement with President de la Madrid.

Deputy Press Secretary Larry Speakes, travelling with Reagan told reporters that the meetings on Sunday were warm and friendly and said, "It was not the type of meeting designed to change anyone's mind on Central America." But he added that "the agreements on Central America process are very broad and run very deep between the U.S. and Mexico. The differences are certainly minor, there are no serious differences between the U.S. and Mexico."

BOURGUIBA. — Tunisian President Habib Bourguiba has cancelled all official duties because of illness and will not be able to hold a scheduled meeting this week with Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi, a government communique said in Tunis yesterday.



Nkomo returning from exile

HARARE (AP). — Zimbabwe opposition leader Joshua Nkomo is to return home from five months' self-imposed exile today to a low-key welcome by top aides, an uncertain political future in the land he fought most of his 66 years to liberate, and possible police prosecution.

Joshua Chinamano, acting president of the Zimbabwe African Peoples' Union (ZAPU), said yesterday that he had received a telephone call from Nkomo in London saying that he is coming back.

Nkomo has not explained why he is returning home now, but he told the BBC that he had made no secret deal with Mugabe.

Nkomo is to attend parliament tomorrow for a debate on a resolution called by Prime Minister Robert Mugabe's Zimbabwe African National Union (ZANU) to expel him from parliament for missing more than 21 straight sittings.

Nkomo, hailed by his supporters as the "Father of Zimbabwe," fled to Britain on March 8 after claiming that Mugabe ordered troops to assassinate him.

Mugabe, Nkomo's former political protégé, cleared the way for his chief political rival's return when he said Nkomo would not face imprisonment if he were prosecuted. Mugabe said Nkomo might be fined for minor offences — alleged illegal gem deals, currency smuggling and illegally leaving the country.

Nkomo has steadfastly insisted the charges have been trumped up to discredit him. If convicted, he could be ousted from parliament.

Pope visits Lourdes on Assumption Day

LOURDES, France (AP). — Pope John Paul II yesterday told 150,000 pilgrims here that he had come to this shrine to the Virgin Mary to celebrate not only her assumption into heaven but also the second millennium of her birth.

The pope, on a personal pilgrimage to one of the most popular shrines to the mother of Jesus, spoke at a morning mass after a full day of activities Sunday, including a speech attacking states that impose a "civil death" on their people by denying them fundamental rights.

August 15, the feast day celebrating the assumption, is one of the biggest holidays in Europe, with virtually all shops and offices closed.

UK oil slick smaller than first expected

SOUTHEND, England (AP). — Tourists were given the all-clear to return to beaches in southeast England yesterday after authorities found out that what they thought was the worst oil slick off Britain in years was actually a small patch about 200 metres wide. A Port of London Authority spokesman said the oil was believed to have come from refineries on Canvey Island in the Thames Estuary.

On Sunday, police with bullhorns cleared thousands of vacationers from the beaches when the slick was spotted moving inshore. Officials called it the most serious spill in recent years and estimated it could extend 9.6 kilometres in length.

Soviet cosmonauts were homesick and tired

MOSCOW (Reuters). — A Soviet cosmonaut who spent a record 211 days in space slept badly much of the time and pined for his home and family, according to excerpts from his personal diary.

The extracts, published in the Communist Party daily, *Pravda*, yesterday, showed that flight engineer Valentin Lebedev found most of the seven-month mission an intense strain, which was relieved only by the fascination of watching the earth spin slowly by.

Lebedev and Col. Anatoly Berezhov set up the space endurance record between May and December last year aboard the orbiting research station, Salyut-7.

The cosmonaut's diary is full of entries such as "slept badly" or "could not get to sleep at all."

At one point, half-way through the mission, he noted that fatigue had made Berezhov and himself nervous and sensitive and that both had to make an effort to avoid losing their tempers.

Such frank portrayal of the difficulties of life in orbit has been extremely rare in the Soviet media, which tend to depict cosmonauts as heroic, almost superhuman figures.

Television news film invariably shows cosmonauts smiling and declaring that all is well on their mission. But Lebedev revealed in his diary that he badly missed his family and after three months on board was longing to return home.

"Only in two months will I be able to even think about or hope for our landing," he wrote in August. "Will I ever really be back on earth among my family, and will

everything really be fine again?" Moscow Radio reported yesterday that the cargo spaceship Cosmos 1443 is returning to earth after being loaded with half a ton of cargo by the cosmonauts aboard the Salyut-7.

The report did not say when the Cosmos was expected on earth or how or where it would make the landing.

Cosmos 1443 docked with Salyut 7 on March 10, bringing three tons of research material and supplies to the orbiting station.

The radio said Lyakhov and Alexandrov, who docked their Soyuz T-9 spacecraft with Salyut-7 on June 28, used the cargo for testing "onboard systems and structural elements of future spacecraft. Exercises (also) were held in managing large space complexes."

Soviet sailor to be executed for murdering his captain

MOSCOW (AP). — The Communist Party daily *Pravda*, said yesterday that a mechanic on a Soviet merchant ship had been sentenced to death for killing his captain, and warned that "weakness, spinelessness, and dishonesty have no place on the sea."

Dozens of other sailors received less harsh sentences and thousands were investigated, the report said, as the Kremlin focused its recent drive to instill discipline among Soviet workers in the merchant marine.

The article centred on the Azov Sea Steamship Line. *Pravda* decried "drunkenness and hooliganism" in the company's ships and made it clear the rest of the country's 1,700-strong merchant fleet would not escape scrutiny.

Suggesting the Azov Sea "tragedy" should serve as a lesson to all, *Pravda* said that "the special conditions of maritime work, aggravated by unexpected circumstances, dictate the principles of selecting cadres for ships."

Since he came to power in November, President Yuri Andropov has given special importance to making Soviet workers and their bosses more productive, responsible and professional.

The party has ordered new punishments for work shirkers and has created "ideological organs" to tighten the official grip on the nuclear power industry, the uniformed police and other agencies.

He was also said to have been upset because White House Deputy National Security Adviser Robert McFarlane, instead of a career diplomat, was appointed to succeed Philip Habib as U.S. Middle East negotiator.

Questioned about the report, Shultz said: "I fully intend to stay on the job in Washington, attractive though California (his home) always is for anybody who has had the experience of living there."

Shultz added: "I support the president's policies in Central America and have done so publicly as well as privately in our own discussions."

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Ethiopian rebels hold relief workers

KHARTOUM, Sudan (AP). — Rebels opposed to the Soviet-backed Ethiopian military regime are holding 10 Swiss relief workers who were working in an area of Wollo Province overrun by guerrilla attacks earlier this month, a rebel spokesman said yesterday.

Yamani Kidane, a spokesman for the Tigray People's Liberation Front, said his group has been in touch with the Swiss-based Terre des Hommes, a charitable organization, to arrange to hand over the 10 to the group's representatives inside Ethiopia.

"All their projects and equipment are intact. We are not demanding anything, we don't need any negotiations," said Kidane in an interview here. "Let their people come and pick them up... it's a war zone now."

Kidane said the 10 social workers, captured on August 3, are safe and in good health.

The TPLF gained notoriety last spring when they captured one American and nine European relief workers during an attack in Tigray Province. The workers were from the Save the Children Fund and Concern. All were released unharmed in Sudan on June 8, after being given tours of TPLF-held areas.

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Soviet embassy says unwilling boy will be sent home

WASHINGTON (AP). — A Soviet Embassy official, insisting there is no need to talk with U.S. officials, said yesterday that a diplomat's son who may want to defect will return to the Soviet Union.

"The situation is perfectly clear," said press officer Vladimir Mikoyan. "There is no legitimate right to keep the boy in this country."

He said the boy, 16-year-old Andrei Berezhkov, would return home, but refused to say when. He said Soviet officials would not give into demands of U.S. officials that they be allowed to interview him.

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Sports

Hitting spree can't save Kiwis

Post Sports Staff
England, undaunted by a spirited middle innings hitting spree from the Kiwi batsmen, won the Third cricket Test against New Zealand by a convincing 127-run margin at Lord's yesterday to wrap up a 2-1 lead going into next week's final match of the series.

The tourists had to chase a lower total than expected when they bunched out the last three England batsmen within 21 deliveries at the start of the fourth day. But they laboured under misfortune after their captain Geoff Howarth had to bat with two stitches over his right eye, the result of a crack received from a stray ball in the early morning nets. He was soon out and so was Wright, grabbed by Botham, after which an England victory never looked in doubt. A spark of New Zealand hope was kindled by Coney who hammered a splendid 68 and Hadlee an engaging 30 in quick fashion, but the innings folded soon after tea for 219.

Final Score: England 326 (Coney 108, Gifford 81, 211; Botham 64, Clouston 59, Hadlee 3-42, Gray 3-73); NZ 191 (Edgar 70 and 23, Coney 68, Willis 3-24, Cook 3-90).

Marauding Pirates

NEW YORK (AP). — The Pittsburgh Pirates are back on the rampage. They completed a three-game sweep over the Montreal Expos with a 5-3 victory in Montreal, a key fixture in Sunday night's American baseball action.

The Pirates had entered an earlier three-game series with the Expos at the beginning of the month after a game ahead in the National League East. Then, they were lambasted in all three games by Montreal and dropped back to third spot. Now the completion of a sweep in hostile territory has brought them back to within 1½ games of division-topping Philadelphia. The Phillies beat St. Louis 5-1 while Montreal, now third placed, are three games out.

Elsewhere it was Los Angeles 5 Atlanta 4; New York Mets 5 Chicago Cubs 1; San Diego 10 Cincinnati 9 (10 innings) and San Francisco 5 Houston 2. American League Results — Boston 4 Kansas City 3 and 3-6 in the return; New York 4 Detroit 1; Toronto 4 Milwaukee 3; Baltimore 2 Chicago 1; California 7 Seattle 2; Oakland 9 Minnesota 6; Cleveland 3 Texas 2.

NL EAST

Philadelphia	W	L	Pct.	GB
Pittsburgh	60	52	.536	—
Montreal	60	53	.522	1½
St. Louis	58	56	.509	3
Chicago	55	60	.479	6½
New York	52	64	.444	10

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Baltimore	11	9	.550
Boston	12	8	.600
Chicago	13	7	.650
Cleveland	14	6	.700
Los Angeles	15	5	.750
Montreal	16	4	.800
New York	17	3	.850
Pittsburgh	18	2	.900
St. Louis	19	1	.950

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Most of the 14 members of
the group are present. As the session
begins, there seems to be some

FOR THE ISRAELI child, learning
English represents far more than just
the acquisition of a foreign
language.

According to Ephraim
Weintraub, chairman of the English
Teachers' Association in Israel
(ETAI), learning English is a door
into another world: a key to higher
education, and a tool for getting ac-
quainted with the world at large.

"It is a prestige subject," says
Weintraub. "Pupils will consider
dropping out of almost everything
else before they will give up English.
There's also parental insistence that
makes it a most important subject."

But a good many pupils, after five
or more years of instruction don't
know the language. They cannot
read a newspaper or simple book,
nor can they hold a conversation.

YOU MAY or may not know that
the Beduin have more than 5,000
different appellations for the camel,
and that the common *camelus* isn't
quite so common.

"Now I have no idea what
prompted the issue in the first place,
and I apologize for having become
an addict of Gabi Gazit's *Masters of
Interest* (Monday afternoon). The
expert on ruminants came on some
time after the 3 o'clock news and
found, at least in me, a spellbound
listener. The subject in itself was a
welcome diversion from the day's
standard woes.

This included my failure to com-
prehend how a convicted
lawbreaker can continue to func-
tion as a legislator (with the seeming
approval of the majority of the
Knesset). I couldn't help thinking of
poor old Shmuel Flatto-Sharon, sit-
ting in his Savoyan mansion, and how
history might have taken a different
course for him, had he only had the
foresight to change his name in
good time to something less
provocative, like Buchbot. The
same goes for former Rehovot
Mayor Shmuel Rechman.
Ma'alot's Mayor Shlomo Buchbot
has just five police files closed
for lack of evidence.
There's a song called *Rak
K'Yisrael*. May I suggest that it be
made the signature tune for Israel

Context

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View from the dovecote

By CAROL COOK/Jerusalem Post Reporter



Arie (Lova) Eliav... 'There is another Israel.'

LAST WEEK's Hebrew press and
the international edition of *The
Jerusalem Post* carried an advertise-
ment demanding a halt to govern-
ment settlement policy in the ad-
ministered areas. The ad, headed
"Stop the Settlements!" was spon-
sored by the International Centre
for Peace in the Middle East, and
signed by over 100 prominent
Israelis, including 30 Knesset
Members.

One of the signatories was Arie
(Lova) Eliav, former secretary-
general of the Labour Party and
chairman of Sheli, and now
chairman of the board of trustees of
the Centre for Peace. In an inter-
view at his Tel Aviv home last week,
Eliav described this organization
devoted to information, education,
and research on ways to end the
Arab-Israeli conflict as "a
dovecote."

Its overriding aim, he said, is to
turn the tide of hatred and pes-
simism that is leading Israelis to ac-
cept the idea of endless war.
The former MK, whose long
career has included development
projects in Lachish and Arad, com-
manding ships bringing illegal im-
migrants to Palestine, and service in
both the Hagana and the British
Army during World War II, has
spent the past four years as a
teacher. Last year he taught history
at Tel Hady Regional College near
Kiryat Shmona, and the attitudes he
observed among the young ex-
servicemen who make up the stu-
dent body troubled him.

"There is a trend, a terrible trend,
of illogical hatred for the enemy,"
he said. "You hear the slogan 'The
best Arab is a dead Arab' again and
again from young people. This
started after the Six Day War and
accelerated during 16 years of
military occupation. Before your
eyes, you see an Israeli Zionist Dr.
Jekyl turn into a Mr. Hyde. Being
an occupier, stones are thrown at
you, the hatred is terrible, and you
develop a hatred." Talking to his
students, he found a "fatalistic ac-
quiescence" in the idea of war.
"They think that's the way it was,
and will be — forever and ever. We
will kill and be killed for ever and
ever. This pessimism will lead some

of them to Los Angeles and New
York. Many will turn very cynical
and will leave."

ELIAV CHARGES that the roots of
this attitude lie in the Begin govern-
ment's uncompromising stand on
the matter of the West Bank.

"This government is educating
the people, young and not so young,
that we have the whole loaf and will
keep it for ever. That is what is be-
ing spread to young children in our
schools, that there is no, no, no way

for peace. Because it is all ours, and
we will not give an inch to anybody
any time. Peace is secondary. What
is being spread now is that it is an
eternal war, a 100 years' war, a war
for ever."

Eliav believes there can be an
end, but peace means compromise
with the Palestinian Arabs, and
recognition of their national iden-
tity. These concepts are the basis of
the philosophy of the Centre for
Peace.

All those signing the Stop-the-

Settlements advertisement, he said,
have three points of view in com-
mon:

Recognition of the centrality of
the Palestinian issue to any solution
of the Israel-Arab conflict.
Acceptance of the Palestinians as a
legitimate national movement that
must be granted the right to self-
determination.
Acceptance of territorial com-
promise.

BETWEEN 40 and 50 per cent of
Israelis agree on those three points,
Eliav maintains, and one of the ob-
jectives of the Centre is to make
Jews abroad aware of that fact.

"On a recent lecture tour of the
United States, I found that people
think the doves are a fringe,
marginal; and that 80 per cent of the
population approves of Begin and
the government, which is not true.
We want to spread our ideas and
make Jews in the Diaspora aware
that there is another Israel."

To this end, the Centre for Peace
recruited a considerable number of
prominent Jewish leaders from the
U.S. and Europe. They include
Philip Klutznick, Dr. Rita Hausner,
Arthur Hertzberg, Martin Lipset,
and the dean of Harvard, Henry
Rosovsky. Abba Eban is chairman
of the Centre; Justice Haim Cohn
the honorary chairman.

"We want Jews who think like us
to work through their organizations
to bring their points of view to the
fore" said Eliav, giving as an exam-
ple the recent resolution against the
settlements by the American Jewish
Committee. He believes this bridge
between Israeli and Diaspora doves
is essential to helping young, liberal,
progressive Jews to identify with
Israel and participate in Zionist ac-
tivities.

"We want to show Jews in the
Diaspora that you can be a lover of
Israel, an ardent supporter of Israel,
and at the same time a Zionist dove."

He feels that the Israeli peace
movement needs the support of
Jews in the Diaspora, but
emphasizes that the key to change
lies exclusively within Israelis
themselves — not in pressure that
may come from abroad.

FOR ELIAV, education is the ma-
jor path to repairing the damage
done to the Israeli psyche by the
long years of occupation. The
centre has already held four
seminars for teachers and hopes to
expand this activity, as well as to
publish teaching materials and
promote a dialogue between Jewish
and Arab teachers both from Israel
and from the West Bank.

In his contacts with Palestinian
leaders, said Eliav, he has sensed a
willingness to compromise,
although moderates are still in the
minority.

"The tragedy is that the extreme
wings on both sides are strengthen-
ing each other. The main argument
you hear in Israel is that there is
nobody to talk to on the other side,
and that's their argument too.
Somebody must try to break the
vicious circle. Let us declare that
for peace we are ready to halve the
loaf, and see what echoes we get."

AFTER SEVERAL years away
from public life, Eliav intends to
return to active politics, and run for
the Knesset in the next elections.
He says his intention is not to form a
new party, but to join "some kind of
coalition with Labour." He believes
his former party may well come to
power "by the default of the ex-
isting government."

Eliav believes that both Jordan
and the Palestinians would respond
to an offer of territorial compromise
by Israel. But even if they don't, he
holds, Israel must be ready to be
generous.

"The real issue is what kind of
Israel we want. Do we want to
educate our children to be rulers
over other people, or tell them that
one day they will have to throw the
Arabs out? I don't want to educate
my children like that, and I'm ready
to pay the price — which is ter-
ritorial compromise."

This does not mean weakness, he
emphasizes. "We are surrounded by
enemies, and we have to be strong.
To have a strong army and a very
strong technological, economic and
moral base. But for this we do not
need more territory."

finishes the ulpan, he has arranged
to study the language in Arad and
(following in his tour coordinator's
footsteps) will not be joining the
group on the return flight to the
U.S.

"Different people react different-
ly to the same situation," Boni
observes later. "One complains that
the employer never got his resumé,
or that he was sent to the wrong
employer, and wastes all the time
complaining. Another person will
try to 'salvage' the situation" by
providing his resumé on the spot or
asking the "wrong" employer for in-
formation which will help him find
the right one. It all goes back to that
issue of attitude," she says.

"One of the engineers com-
plained to me when he first got here
that not enough interviews had been
planned for him. Yesterday, he said
that he has too many interviews and
cannot fit them all in. I reminded
him of his previous complaint."

MICHAEL ZIV, head of the
Overseas Unit of the Centre for
Placement of Professionals in the
Ministry of Labour and Social Af-
fairs, sits silently through most of
the session. At the end, he points
out that the most important aspect
of a pilot tour is not specific job of-

fers, but rather the sense the in-
dividual gets of what his employ-
ment chances might be in Israel.
"Some of you complained about
problems with your first interview
here," he says. "Perhaps the solu-
tion is to start with the second."

Arieh Chapman, head of Tour
Va'aleh's Pilot Tour Department,
tells the group that even those who
are now going home disappointed
may find this is not the end of their
Israeli episode.

"Israel is like a virus," he says.
"You catch it and pass it on. I came
here 30 years ago to work on a kib-
butz for a year and I stayed. After
you get back to the United States
or Canada you may find Israel
gnawing at you and someday you
may be back."

When the meeting is adjourned,
people still linger, exchanging ad-
dresses and phone numbers. "I feel
the way I used to feel when camp
was over," one man says. A woman
says she misses her children and her
dog but hates to leave here.

"This is hard work sometimes,"
Boni admits, "but when you get a
letter from someone on one of your
previous pilot tours telling you
they're coming back to stay, that
makes it all worth it."

in Israel is considered, on the global
scale, to be of very high quality, says
Weintraub, there is still a lack of
Israeli-oriented teaching materials.

"You must, if you want the pupils
to read, present them with inter-
esting material with which they can
readily identify. They want
Israel and the Israeli experience
translated into English. Not many of
the pupils feel that they're going to
fly to Frankfurt or meet a London
"bobby." They live here and they
want to read about the things they
know and experience."

Weintraub says that the search
for solutions of these problems is
the reason ETAI was founded. It is
a completely voluntary organization
of teachers for teachers. "We have
workshops and seminars and in
most cases the teachers don't even

get credit from the Ministry of
Education for having participated.

"The teachers come because they
are devoted and because they want
to do everything they can to
improve English teaching in Israel.
They know just how important it
is."

This summer more than 800
English teachers from all over Israel
will participate in workshops and
seminars. "They are new teachers
and veterans, young and old, from
prestigious gymnasias and develop-
ment town schools. They do so at
their own expense. They know that
the ministry is trying to raise the
standard of English teaching, but
that it is inadequate to the task.
They want to help themselves and
other English teachers."

faced baby that almost had his pram
swept away by a passing Egged bus
which left us all enveloped in a fine
cloud of carbon monoxide mixed
with soot. All we are asking for is an
amber light to warn drivers that
pedestrians also claim the right to
exist.

THERE ARE TWO more points,
before I promise to leave road
safety and Gabi Gazit for at least a
couple of weeks. My pet hate is
reserved for truck and bus exhaust
systems designers. More often than
not, these end on a level with my car
window, and in summer, when my
window is down, bus and truck
drivers have a habit of goosing their
engines while waiting for the lights
to change, treating me to blasts of
exhaust at close range. Last week a
bunch of roses in the seat beside me
wilted. Why not design all exhaust
pipes to point skywards? It couldn't
make our pollution much worse.

BACK TO *Matters of Interest*. This
week, Gazit had a reporter in-
vestigating cafes for us — and it
seems she found only two in the
Dan area worthy of praise, singling
out the tartlets at Kapulski's on Al-
lenby Street and the cream puffs at
Rowal on Dizengoff. The former's
portions of ice-cream were quoted
as very generous.

I should like to add a Nahariya es-
tablishment to the roll of honour:
Steff Wertheimer's Lahmi on
Gaston Blvd., which is reported to
have imported a Swiss pastry-cook
to break in some of his Israeli col-
leagues. Lahmi has a limited but
very fine range of pastry, bread and
rolls, although it's a bit on the ex-
pensive side.

At the other end, so to speak, I
wish to commend the Sha'ar
Ha'aliya (Paz) filling station on the
right hand traffic lane, just south of
Haifa, for the cleanest rest-rooms
— complete with towels and potted
geraniums — in any Israeli fuel sta-
tion I've ever visited. True, I was
there at six in the morning, and it
may have got messed up an hour
later, but it deserves a place of
honour in any list of public con-
veniences.

YOSSI SARID MK, on former
finance minister, the late Pinhas
Sapir (Second Programme, Thurs-
day afternoon): "He liked me
because of his constant quest for
originality... He insulted me only
once — he wanted me in the
Treasury and said I could pick the
largest car I had ever desired... He
wouldn't hear of my criticizing
others. People, he said, are not like
underwear. You don't put on a fresh
pair every day."

Helping tourists to fall in love

By LEA LEVAVI/Jerusalem Post Reporter

trepidation among those responsi-
ble for the tour. After all, this is the
moment, when people, will say
whether or not they are satisfied,
whether or not their trip has been
successful.

At first, the verdict looks
negative. One speaker after another
voices disappointment and frustra-
tion. Employers were not given their
resumes in advance, and did not
know who they were or why they
had come. Some were sent to the
wrong companies, because their
technical specialty was not correct-
ly understood. A professor of
foreign languages claims nobody
gave him straight answers to ques-
tions about whether and when he
could expect tenure, and says ques-
tions about salary got answers like
"Maybe \$500, maybe \$700, maybe
\$900."

An engineer complains that
employers were not ready to make a
definite commitment, and explains
that he cannot leave his good job
and home in the United States on the
strength of vague hopes.

THEN, SUDDENLY, the tide
changes. Several computer
specialists reel off long lists of
definite or almost-definite job offers
they have received, and two couples
outline definite plans complete
with (in one case) reservations at an
absorption centre and (in the other)
purchase of a home in Karnei
Shomron.

A young single man who has been
offered a job says he decided his
career would be limited unless he
knew Hebrew. Buoyed by the con-
fidence that the same company or
another will offer him a job after he

Tongue tied

By D'VORA BEN SHAUL/Jerusalem Post Reporter

Weintraub says that this is true,
"But not of all pupils. Some really
get a good foundation in English,"
he told me, "but we have here a set
of problems, many of them un-
related to the quality of the
teacher."

The first problem is a socio-
economic one. According to
Weintraub, "Pupils from homes in
the lower socio-economic sector
have special problems. Where there
is little structured life experience

and where the parents do not as-
sume a dominant guidance role, the
pupil is often incapable of dealing
with analytic subjects like languages
and maths."

THEN, TOO, he added: "When you
haven't really mastered your
mother tongue, it's hard to take on a
foreign one. And most of these kids
have difficulty in reading Hebrew
properly, let alone English."

Even though English teaching

Camel crazy

LISTENING IN...Ze'ev Schul

Radio newscasts?

In case you are still curious about
the camel, I learned that the species
includes an aristocratic Sudanese
breed, off-white in colour, which is
considered to be the riding camel.
No Beduin worth his salt would ever
consider putting one of these
creatures to the plough. However,
the species as a whole is valued as a
provider of milk, wool and a high-
calorie dung for fuel. Camel's urine
is regarded as having medical
properties, and, for a Beduin in ex-
tremis, it can serve as an unrecycled
drinking water reserve — although
it wouldn't be everyone's cup of tea.

A PROPOS the latter, I can think of
so many worthwhile subjects that
are going a-begging. Take
pedestrian road crossings, like the
one at the junction of Nahariya's
Gaston Blvd. and Herzl Street (in-
cidentally spelled "Hertz") — what
has happened to all the yekkes in
town? There was a time when such a
faux pas would have led to calls for
the resignation of the entire
municipal council!

I would make this particular cross-
ing a symbol of all the mis-designed
pedestrian crossings in the country.
The green light goes off as you are
half-way across, leaving you, if you
are a law-abiding citizen, standing
in the middle of nowhere, with
nothing to protect you but the
kamikaze mentality of our drivers.
There is no pedestrian island to give
you an illusion of safety: all you can
do is cling for dear life to the traffic
light post in the middle of the road,
as I did recently, alongside a couple
of pregnant women and one red-

There was more about the camel
on the programme, and it was highly
enjoyable, right to the end. I would
any day willingly trade one camel
feature for two on Aharon
Abuhatzira, or yet another discus-
sion on why an 8 per cent minority
will not let us have summertime, or
the sort of road safety features
we've been getting lately.



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Tourists' complaints pouring in—Sharir

By HAIM SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Tourism Ministry is getting a flood of complaints concerning the expense, service and cleanliness in tourist enterprises, Tourism Minister Avraham Sharir told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday.

Defending the recent public attacks on hotels and restaurants, Sharir said that if we want to be a classic tourist country, we depend on the public and the whole branch must make an effort. "We are killing the goose which lays the golden eggs," he said.

The tourist who is disappointed won't come back, he said, stressing his ministry's inspection of tourist enterprises would not only continue, but would be extended to other branches, such as taxis. He is also pressing a plan to have both hotels and restaurants offer a relatively inexpensive tourist menu.

Noting that he hopes 1983 will be a relatively good year, at least recovering from the drop in 1982, he added that he is more worried about 1984 and 1985. If we don't reach the second million tourists, we will have failed, he said.

To this end, Sharir is willing to cut into the budget of his ministry in everything except tourist promotion. Where promotion is concerned, he said, the state is getting a large return for relatively little outlay. An intensive campaign in the U.S. over the last three months cost \$2 million, but brought in 20,000 more tourists, netting \$17m. Those who think that tourists will come without promotion simply don't

know what they're talking about, he said. Jamaica has a budget for tourist promotion four times that of Israel, he added.

In the face of demands by the Treasury to double the travel tax, Sharir favours abolishing it altogether, but at the same time extending the value added tax to include foreign travel. Although he noted he did not know exactly how it would be collected, he said that it was unfair that an Israeli should have to pay VAT on a holiday in Tiberias or Eilat, but would be exempt from it in Paris.

Another money-raising scheme which he favours is the payment of a small (about \$1) fee by tourists for every night in a hotel. This, he added, would not go into the general budget, but would be spent by the various regions according to programmes formulated by the tourist industry in the area.

Sharir also expressed his sympathy with the fight of the country's tour guides to bar religious leaders from taking groups through the entire country, but said that the problem is a sensitive political one in which action could do much harm to the state. "I am aware of the situation of the guides," he said, "but the tourist situation is relatively good at the moment."

MORE DOORS. — The door and door frame factory at Kibbutz Hamadia, in the Beit She'an valley which has already opened retail outlets in Jerusalem, Haifa, Beersheba and Netanya, is now looking for sites for stores in other cities and towns.

Negev farm experiments with salty water tomatoes

By LIORA MORIEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA. — A joint Israeli-Egyptian agricultural venture, supported by AID, (America-Israel Development Fund) to the tune of \$1 million over five years, is now underway.

The Israeli site for the venture is the Ramat Negev Experimental Farm in the central Negev. Shaul Levy, manager of the farm, told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that his staff of kibbutzniks and Beduin is working with the "moneymaker" tomato introduced into Israel by the late Moshe Dayan.

On the other side of the border, Egyptian agriculturalists are working with the same species of tomato.

"We have here a very large and complex experimental system, where we grow tomatoes in water with different levels of salinity — ranging from potable (300 mil-

ligrams chlorine per cubic metre of water), to salty (2,000mg), said Levy.

Flavour tests have revealed that tomatoes grown with saline water are sweeter and juicier than those grown with regular water. Also, these saline-water tomatoes are more suited to industrial use as they contain more solids.

Levy is convinced that these tomatoes, along with other crops the farm is growing on an experimental basis using saline water, may be the solution to the country's agricultural crisis.

"The countries competing with us, like Spain and Morocco, have already learned all our tricks and have the advantage of being nearer European markets. We hope to vary our products (for example by introducing broccoli and asparagus), improve them and prolong their marketing season."

Energy congress planned for May 1984 in Tel Aviv

Israel's scientists, engineers and manufacturers will play host to an International Scientific Congress on Energy for Small and Medium Sized Countries at the Tel Aviv Convention Centre from May 14-17, 1984, and an exhibition of energy equipment and devices at the Tel Aviv Fairgrounds, May 10-16, 1984. The World Energy Congress, Israel Committee, and the Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure have extended their patronage to both events.

Because of practical experience accumulated in Israel, discussions

at the international congress will focus on three major topics: the utilization of solar energy, national energy policy and economics, and the exploitation of low energy fuels. In each of those areas, self-help projects within the reach even of small countries could enable many of them to make vital progress.

Congress participants will also be taken on tours of Israel's more interesting energy projects, including the solar pond generating plant on the Dead Sea shore and the large oil shale research developments and installation recently activated near Arad, in the northern Negev.

The congress will be rounded out by the commercial exhibition of energy equipment and devices, which will be held concurrently at the Tel Aviv Fairgrounds.

Participants are expected from all over the world. The congress, it is hoped, will provide an opportunity for delegates to exchange information and to see what manufacturers from different countries have to offer. Such a forum, combining both scientific and industrial aspects, can make a tangible contribution to a solution of the world's energy crisis, say the organizers.

New York stock rally one year old

NEW YORK (Reuter). — One year ago the New York Stock Market was nobody's darling as the depressed economy, high interest rates and increasing business failures placed it among the least attractive of investments.

Then suddenly, last August, the tide began to change.

Over the next 10 months, investors racked up billions of dollars in profits and the paper value of corporations rose phenomenally in one of the most spectacular stock price surges ever seen.

Affectionately called "super bull" by the traders who reaped its benefits, the rally pushed the Dow Jones Industrial Average, the most widely followed indicator, from 776.92 on August 12 last year to a record 1248.30 on June 16, 1983.

The index currently stands slightly lower at around 1182, after the rediscovery by some investors over the past month or so of old worries about interest rates and the economy.

But the only serious market concern now is that the recovery may be too robust.

Investors fear that too-fast business growth could handicap the stock market by pushing interest rates higher and crowding many corporations out of the credit markets.

Higher interest rates could also lure investors away from equities and towards the lower risk bond and money markets, analysts said.

Over the past year the market appeared immune to bad news. In the second half of 1982 alone, 306 New York Stock Exchange-listed issues rose in price by 50 per cent or more.

There were also 92 issues which gained between 40 and 50 per cent, 203 rose by 30 to 40 per cent and 370 appreciated by between 10 and 30 per cent.

Declines were much less common. Just 32 issues fell by 50 per cent or more and only 500 issues lost at all.

Monte Gordon, vice-president and director of research at the brokers Dreyfus, said the most surprising aspect of the bull market was its intensity over the first 10 months of the past year. "It was triggered by a conviction that the Federal Reserve would shift to a more accommodative monetary stance," Gordon said.

When the Federal Reserve Central Bank created an environment of lower interest rates and fast corporate growth, companies took advantage of the renewed interest in the equities market to issue a record number of new securities to eager investors.

More private companies than ever before decided to tap the public market.

There were 534 initial public offerings, which have raised \$8.4 billion since the middle of last year, according to *Going Public*, a newsletter that records corporate offerings.

U.S. food prices down for third month running, wholesale prices lower

WASHINGTON (AP). — Wholesale prices in the U.S. rose a minuscule 0.1 per cent in July as the cost of food fell for the third straight month and the summer's energy price gains moderated, the government has reported.

July's overall price increase of 0.1 per cent, after seasonal adjustment, compared with advances of 0.5 per cent in June and 0.3 per

cent in May. If prices rose for 12 straight months at the July rate, the yearly rise would be 1.3 per cent.

For the first seven months of the year, wholesale prices fell 0.7 per cent, fuelling economists' predictions that, for the full year, inflation at the wholesale level could be the smallest in two decades.

In advance of this government

report, economists predicted a modest inflation rate in the coming months.

Last month's tiny gains were largely the product of a 0.6 per cent drop in food prices and a 0.2 per cent gain in energy costs.

Overall, wholesale prices for the year ending in July rose just 1.4 per cent — the smallest 12-month gain in 15 years.

UK inflation rate rises to 4.2 per cent

LONDON (AP). — Higher mortgage interest rates and gasoline prices boosted Britain's annual inflation rate to 4.2 per cent in July, up from a 15-year low of 3.7 per cent in June, the government has reported.

It was the first increase since February in the annual rate, which measures average prices over a 12-month period.

For the month of July alone, average prices rose by 0.5 per cent with lower seasonal food costs offsetting hefty mortgage and gasoline hikes.

Interest rates for home buyers rose from 10 to 11 1/4 per cent last month.

The Department of Employment, which issued the figures, forecast only a slight increase in the inflation

rate in coming months and 5.5 per cent annual rate at the end of the year.

The struggle to get inflation down from a peak 21.9 per cent in 1980 has been the top priority of Conservative Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's administration.

Her tight money policies have in turn contributed to a record post-1930s unemployment toll of more than three million — leaving nearly one worker in seven without a job.

But Britain is now one of the leading western nations in controlling prices. Comparable rates elsewhere, the department reported, are 7.2 per cent in the 10-nation European Common Market, 16.1 per cent in Italy, 9 per cent in France, 3.2 per cent in the U.S., 3 per cent in West Germany and 2.7 per cent in Japan.

Avis adds 500 cars to its summer fleet

The Avis car rental firm has added five hundred new cars to its stock for its summer tourist season.

Among additions to the Avis fleet are a number of commercial vehicles including Subaru vans, Peugeots and Fiats.

The Avis fleet this summer will

now total some 1800 vehicles.

In addition to commercial vehicles, Avis has also expanded its fleet of luxury Volvo and Mercedes models. Also available will be the Daihatsu Elegant (with or without air conditioner), Renault 9, Opel Ascona, Opel Rekord and Peugeot 504 models.

Vishay Israel buys high technology firm

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Vishay Israel Ltd., which makes high technology components, has purchased another high technology firm, Mann Components Ltd., of Wymondham, through its daughter company Vishay U.K. The acquisition will not only allow Vishay Israel to expand its line of products, but also to market Mann Components goods through the international network of Vishay Intertechnology.

Iskook Steel to price its goods in dollars

TEL AVIV. — Iskook Steel Services, the largest importer of steel in the country, announced on Sunday that henceforth all its prices would be quoted in dollars and not in shekels, as a move to simplify book-keeping procedures.

"Yitzhak Rafi, company director-general, also said that due to the 'quota' system adopted by the industry in Europe, as a means to keep prices high, production in Europe had dropped by up to fifty per cent. This not only led to higher prices for steel, but also to a shortage of goods, he said.

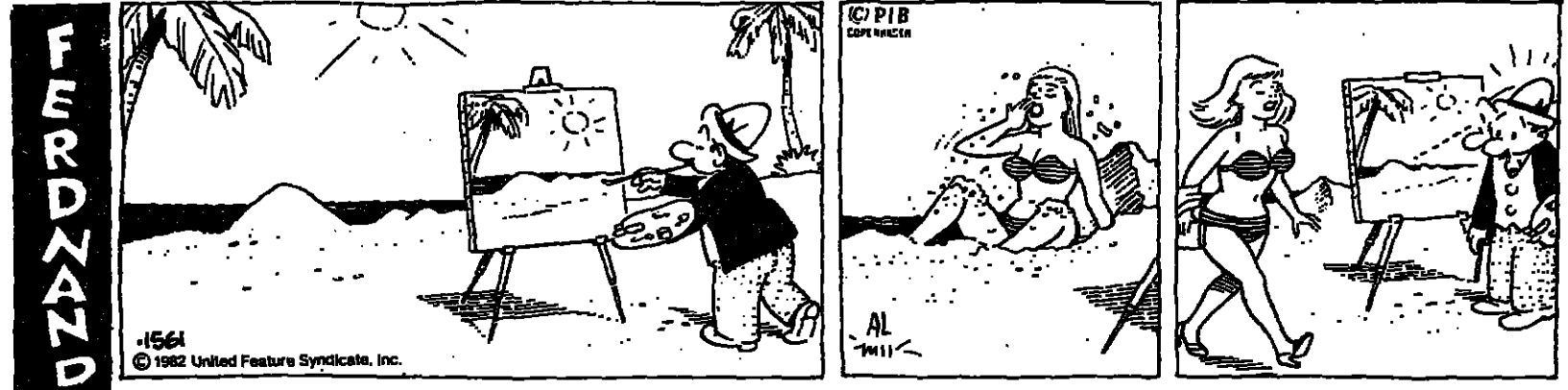
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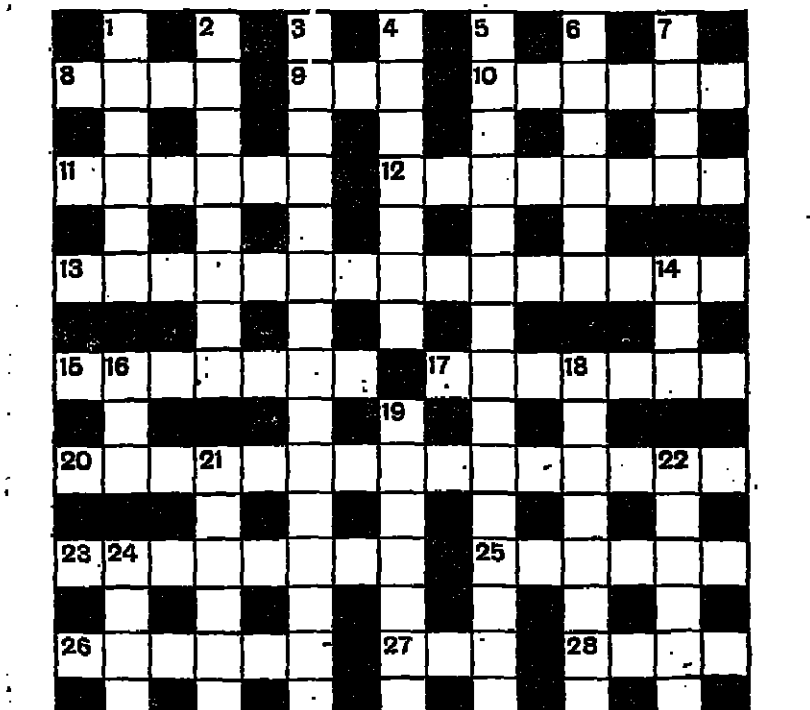
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Hanging on to Aridor

NO ONE among Yoram Aridor's cabinet colleagues, no matter how critical of his performance, seems to want the thankless job of finance minister for himself. That is apparently why they begged him to take back his twice repeated offer of resignation yesterday, and why the prime minister declared it null and void before Mr. Aridor graciously relented.

The mess created by Mr. Aridor's spendthrift "proper economics" is almost too hopeless for anyone but a magician to clean up without in the process causing pain and hardship to innumerable people and interests. If a powerful broom needs to be wielded now, cabinet ministers would apparently rather entrust it to the man who must be held personally responsible for the mess.

How bad things have become is indicated by yesterday's disclosure that the cost-of-living index rose by 6.3 per cent in the month of July. This is the second highest rise for July since the establishment of the state. Last year, it is true, the index rose even higher, 9.2 per cent. But during the intervening period Mr. Aridor spent nearly a billion dollars in a vain, and misguided, effort to suppress inflation, which is still racing ahead at an annual inflation rate of 125 per cent.

Now, in desperation, he is seeking to retrieve the equivalent of a billion dollars by reducing public expenditures and the standard of living.

His cabinet colleagues are willing to assist the finance minister, but only up to a point. Yesterday a compromise was reached on the defence budget, from which Mr. Aridor had wanted to slash a full IS20 billion, which Defence Minister Moshe Arens fiercely and rightly resisted. As proposed by Deputy Premier David Levy, and finally ratified by the entire cabinet, the actual cut will amount to IS16 billion, of which IS8.5 billion will be from this year's budget and the balance will be spread over the next two years.

This was not the kind of stinging defeat for Mr. Aridor which would have made his resignation truly inevitable. But neither was it a famous victory. It was surely something less than a vote of confidence in the finance minister.

Some such kind of compromise is also likely to emerge from the cabinet's next discussion of new taxes that are to complement the budget cuts. Even when Mr. Aridor unveiled his original programme of spending cuts last week, the impression was gained that it was in large measure a smokescreen behind which to hide another programme for hitting the public with new taxes. The ministers will doubtless grant some of Mr. Aridor's wishes in this area, but certainly not all.

After yesterday's exhibition by Mr. Aridor, the ministers will probably seek to refrain from pushing him to the brink of resignation again.

Yet it is difficult to see how Mr. Aridor can go on for long carrying the burden of his office. He must now pursue a policy that is meant to rescue the country from his own previous one. But he seems still not prepared to acknowledge this, preferring to blame external causes for the failure of his programme. He is fated, therefore, for more trouble.

Moreover, he has not been able to establish channels of communication with the rest of the Cabinet. He plays solo, and plays it badly, adding a personal complication to the already parlous state of economic management.

Next time, we suggest, Mr. Begin should not so quickly cast his veto on an offer of resignation by Mr. Aridor.

Cuts without tears

By DAVID KRIVINE

THE TREASURY'S timorous retrenchment plan — saving a shekel here, gaining a shekel there — is only a half-measure; it will not by itself restore a balanced budget.

Possibilities exist of tackling the problem more aggressively. Reluctant ministers argue that cost-cutting causes hardship. That is not necessarily so. Many expenditure cutbacks have been suggested of the kind that may inconvenience the public (which is accustomed to its privileges) but will not harm anybody. The government ignores them, for fear of becoming unpopular. Here are four such proposals:

□ At a time when the country's economic survival is threatened by excessive Treasury spending, go out month after month from the National Insurance Institute (for old-age pensions, child allowances and the like) to affluent families — who do not need the money, and whose living standards would not be perceptibly affected if the remittances never arrived.

□ Conclusion: let the authorities go on collecting national insurance contributions each month from rich and poor alike. But stop paying national insurance benefits to the rich. (Stop giving them free secondary schooling also.)

□ National insurance pensions and child allowances are currently tax-exempt. Why is that? Israel's tax system is progressive, taking little or nothing from the poor and a lot from the rich. There is no reason why transfer payments should be exempted.

ISMAIL FAHMY, who resigned as Egypt's foreign minister to protest against President Sadat's historic flight to Jerusalem in November 1977, showed a grudging admiration for the Israeli Ambassador to the United States, Meir Rosenne, in his just-published memoirs, *Negotiating for Peace in the Middle East* (The Johns Hopkins University Press).

Referring to the negotiations with Israel, leading up to Sinai II interim agreement in 1975, Fahmy wrote: "The Israelis were truly devious in their efforts to extract politically significant agreements from Sadat." Fahmy specifically referred to an indirect exchange with Rosenne, then the Foreign Ministry's legal adviser.

"One major incident took place during [Secretary of State Henry] Kissinger's second trip to Aswan," he wrote. "He submitted an innocently-phrased Israeli formula which in reality contained an agreement to end belligerency, the one thing we could not countenance."

Fahmy said the document "appeared logical enough at first sight and it was carefully drafted, with a very precise choice of words."

"As usual," Fahmy continued, "Sadat looked at it and gave it his consent. Then he passed it to me,

Workplace pensions are endowed with a 35 p.c. tax rebate. A person drawing full pension and national insurance together receives a bigger net income than he got while working.

Conclusion: providing the state with revenue is a privilege, and everybody should be entitled to contribute his share. A retired person should not be required to pay less tax than a working person on the same income.

If the income is small and the working person is not chargeable, the pensioner would not be chargeable either. Some pensioners are well-heeled because they own shares or whatever. Younger people earning the same income have to sacrifice a part of it to the exchequer. There is no reason why our retired person should not do the same.

If his other emoluments exceed, say, IS100,000 a month, the tax on the pension part of his income should be, as recommended above, confiscatory (that is, 100 p.c.).

□ The government pays out in subsidies an amount equal to the IS20b. cut it wants to make in the defence budget. The disputed sum, which Defence Minister Arens is fighting hard to keep, may or may not be essential for the country's security. The subsidies are not essential for anything — they are in fact a waste of money.

They nourish the rich as well as the poor. They distort resource-use, promoting the purchase of items that would otherwise not be the consumer's first choice. Moreover

they do not keep prices in check, because spending-power saved on subsidized goods pushes up the price of non-subsidized goods.

And that is not all. The argument that subsidies keep the index down was valid once upon a time when the state budget was kept in some sort of balance.

Today, with the deficit gaping as it does, the payment of subsidies is more destructive still: in the long run it actually pushes the index up, thus promoting inflation (since subsidies are financed by printing money).

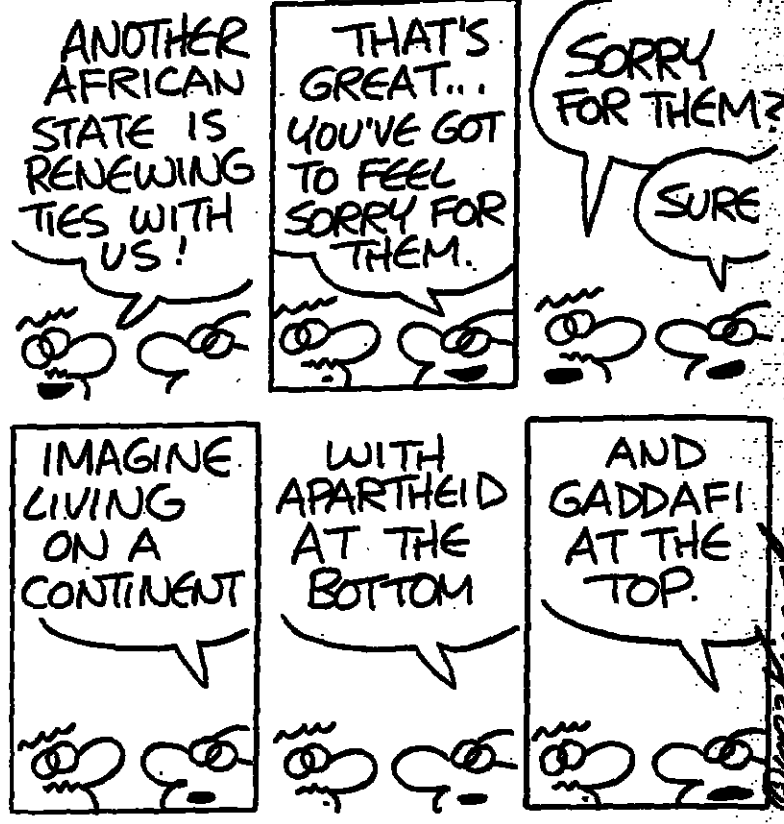
The only possible beneficiaries are those so poor that their shopping is practically confined to subsidized items. Their plight is harsh, but there are easier ways of relieving it than to provide cheap breakfasts for everybody, including guests at five-star hotels.

Conclusion: abolish all subsidies on consumption, and compensate the poor by increasing their social benefits.

□ Finally, free medical treatment for all. The Treasury originally proposed that IS350 be charged for the initial visit to a doctor. That idea has been discarded. Instead membership dues in Kupat Holim will be raised.

It is good that the cost of treating the sick is spread over the whole population. But is it fair that a person who sees a doctor once in a lifetime should pay month after month exactly the same medical fee as the individual who haunts the corridors of clinic and hospital without respite?

Dry Bones



Israelis go to the physician more than the inhabitants of other countries, not because they are sicker than other nationals but because they seek attention more, given that it is free of charge. Under the Treasury's proposal, going to the doctor would cost the same as taking the wife to the movies.

Conclusion: charge patients for medical treatment. Not much, not more than they can afford — but enough to make them think twice before wasting the doctor's time.

THE PRINCIPLE BEHIND these reforms is that in order to help the poor it is not necessary to subsidize the non-poor. Substantial economies can be made without damaging the social services (as Health Minister Shoshak fears) or inflicting hardship (as Labour Minister Uzan apprehends). All that is needed is to topple one or two sacred cows.

The writer is a member of The Jerusalem Post editorial staff.

Devious dealings

By WOLF BLITZER

Prime Minister's Office. "No way," I replied. "It was Rosenne's draft."

"Kissinger repeated that it was Gazit's but I insisted that he was wrong because no one in Israel could weave such attractive but deceptive phraseology except Rosenne."

Fahmy went on to say that on Kissinger's next trip to Egypt, the Secretary "confirmed that the formula had indeed been drafted by Rosenne."

Fahmy said the incident was "quite revealing" for Egypt. "First," he said, "it showed how Sadat was inclined to give his consent automatically without analyzing or even reading carefully what he was offered. Secondly, it demonstrated that Kissinger was not the honest broker he always claimed. Thirdly, it reflected the inherently devious

Israeli style which sought to extract political gain from any occasion."

The former foreign minister noted, however, that the incident also "suggested that the Israelis had underestimated Egyptian cunning."

Fahmy, who still lives in Egypt although he has no governmental position, did not believe that only Israeli officials were devious. He had some additionally biting words for Kissinger as well.

"He [Kissinger] always tried to hide his bias by cursing the Israelis and constantly making funny and unflattering remarks about the Israeli leaders, to convince us that he was on our side. Unfortunately, his rather obvious ruses were fairly effective with Sadat, who tended to take decisions on impulse, without consulting other members of the Egyptian delegation. This combination of Kissinger's manipulations and Sadat's impulsiveness was very damaging for Egypt."

IN AN INTERVIEW, Ambassador Rosenne remembered very vividly

that post-1973 war exchange with the Egyptian government through Kissinger. The late Yigal Allon was then Israel's foreign minister.

"Allon was about to take Kissinger to the Airport," Rosenne said. "He was supposed to pick up Kissinger at the King David Hotel in Jerusalem at 1 p.m. Ten minutes before then, I received a call from Allon, asking that I come directly to his office. He said it was urgent."

Rosenne confirmed that the foreign minister needed a formulation which he could give to Kissinger to end the state of belligerency with Egypt — without saying so in as many words. "Give me it in one sentence," Rosenne quoted Allon as having said.

Rosenne, who has a Ph.D. with honours in International Law from the Sorbonne, and is a recognized authority on the subject, came up with a sentence designed to rule out all hostile acts "directly or indirectly" between the two countries. There was specific reference made to several actions, including freedom of navigation through the Suez Canal, hostile propaganda, economic boycotts, support for anti-Israeli terrorist groups around the world, etc. But, he said there was no flat mention of ending the state of belligerency.

In the book, Fahmy did not provide the exact text of the disputed sentence. Rosenne, while describing it in some detail, was also not anxious to release it "because you never know if we might need it again."

ROSENNE, by the way, said Fahmy had some *hutzpa* in calling Israeli officials devious. The former Egyptian minister, he said, was himself about as slippery a character as one could imagine. Rosenne recalled the Dec. 21, 1973, meeting of the Geneva conference in which Israel, Egypt, Jordan, the U.S., the USSR, and the United Nations participated. Rosenne was a member of the Israeli delegation headed by foreign minister Abba Eban.

"Fahmy wanted Israel to sit alone on one side of the room with empty tables on both sides," Rosenne said. "This was supposed to underline Israel's complete isolation, since the other parties would be together on the other side of the room."

"The conference was delayed for about 20 minutes because I was sent to check the room in advance. The television networks had already reserved their satellite time and they were nervous. But the seating was supposed to have been arranged alphabetically, according to normal UN procedures."

He said Israel then protested against the rearranged seating scheme to Kurt Waldheim, then Secretary-General of the United Nations, who was chairing the meeting.

"Negotiations started through Waldheim. He went from our room to the Egyptians. In the end, the Egyptians gave up. The seats were rearranged."

Rosenne said Fahmy had been among the most hostile members of the Egyptian delegation. "He did not speak to anyone in the Israeli delegation. We even tried to arrange a cocktail reception. But the Egyptians refused to come at the last moment because of Fahmy. We sat across from each other but we never spoke."

Sadat's trip to Jerusalem, Fahmy's resignation, and the subsequent signing of the peace treaty changed all that even though Israeli-Egyptian relations today are nowhere nearly as cordial as Israel would like. It's still useful to recall how bad things once were.

The writer is the Washington correspondent of The Jerusalem Post.

READERS' LETTERS

TOLERANCE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Rabbi Golding suggests in his letter of July 31 that those who disrupted the performance of Handel's Messiah deserve awards rather than fines. May I point out that this is exactly the attitude that prevailed in Nazi Germany at the beginning of the reign of Adolf Hitler. It is a very sad commentary on any leader, especially a religious leader, when he feels that no one has any rights except he and that anyone who holds a belief different from his own should not be permitted to express that belief.

Many times in the past when the persecuted minority has become a majority, they then become the persecutors. Let us pray that Rabbi Golding's attitude will never become the attitude of the majority in Israel, lest this very thing come to pass.

BILL COOK
Jerusalem (Odessa, Texas).

GERMAN AND AUSTRIAN REFUGEES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — From 1937 to 1939, I worked in London with Woburn House and the Jewish Shelter, helping refugees from Germany and Austria arriving in London and going to other countries. Many refugees arrived at Liverpool Street Station and Victoria Station under my escort and I assisted them to go to America, Canada and Palestine.

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — With reference to Mark Segal's restaurant review of August 5, I would like to point out that restaurants aren't the only ones who rip off the Israeli and the tourist. Practically every segment of the Israeli economy is characterized by profiteering.

Why are Israeli hotels more expensive than comparable places in Europe, when employees (mostly

— with Palestine receiving the largest number of 3,000 refugees.

I have just arrived in Jerusalem for the first time and would be very happy to make contact with any of the refugees who were under my care in those days. My address here is c/o Elias, 8 Itamar Ben-Avi, 92348 Jerusalem, telephone 638040.

MORRIS ALAN
Jerusalem (London).

PROFITEERING

Arabs) are paid pitifully meagre wages? Why is housing so dear, when construction workers are paid so poorly? In contrast, \$25,000 will buy a seaside apartment in Spain and \$50,000 a villa.

Part of Israel's budgetary crisis is simply wholesale profiteering and rank speculation.

GAIL KEZWER
Ramat Hasharon.

SMOKING IN PUBLIC PLACES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — I was most interested to read about the bill introduced in the Knesset to prohibit smoking in buses, taxis, etc., but I was disappointed and angered that supermarkets were not included.

Recently, I had occasion to point out to the manager of our supermarket that the assistants at the

meat, fish and other counters smoked while attending to customers. The manager spoke sharply to the assistants, but the next day, they were smoking again.

Surely, this disgusting practice should be prohibited by law.

L. M. PERLMAN
Jerusalem.

ANSAR CAMP

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Michael Ben Meir's portrayal of Ansar as a holiday camp (August 9) is an insult to your readers' intelligence. He seems to feel that being a guard at Ansar is a rich poignant experience — not to be missed. I suppose Ben Meir feels the same way regarding the Israeli soldier sent to watch over the Palestinian Arab civilians of the West Bank and Gaza. This is an affront to the traditions, original conception, aims and purposes of the IDF.

The entire article smacks of a chauvinism that does not compliment us as a people. This terrible war with its dire social and moral repercussions has led to the twisted logic that *valid criticism* of our government's policies is treasonous.

Furthermore, knowing the individuals involved in the Committee of Concerned Citizens as well as I do, I can only hope that the views expressed by Michael Ben Meir are his own and not those of the organization.

ELISHEVA EDEN
Tel Aviv.

WELCOME TO TOURISTS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — I arrived in Haifa Harbour on the Cyprus ferry "Sol Olympia" on Thursday, July 21 at 7 p.m., but was allowed to disembark only four hours later.

At the government information desk, I asked for a telephone token to call a hotel for a room, but was told they had none. So I asked the woman to let me use her telephone. After long hesitating, she agreed on condition that I limit the call to half a minute. In that short time, I could not make myself understood and had to ask the woman to try and get a room for me, which she refused to do.

After this unpleasant welcome, I looked for another place for help and finally found out that there was also a tourist office seemingly run by the Haifa Municipality. Here the woman gave me the good news that she had found a hotel for me: the Daphne Hotel at 31 Nordau Street. Assuming me that the hotel was expecting me, she gave me a leaflet published by the Haifa Municipality, on which she marked

the address of the hotel. Unfortunately, when I arrived at this address after midnight, I discovered that the hotel no longer existed and was told by a kind restaurant owner in the neighbourhood that the hotel had been closed four years ago. Without his help — he phoned for me and got me a room at the Carmelia Hotel — I would have spent my first night in Israel under the stars.

The next morning, I went to the Bank Hapoalim on Herzl Street to change some of my French money into shekels. Though the rate of exchange of the French franc was listed outside, I was told, after waiting 30 minutes, that the bank did not change French money. I was luckier at a different bank.

Is this the way to attract tourists to Israel? This official indifference is contrary not only to the much publicized Jewish hospitality, but also to Israel's economic interests.

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